

# Trinity Tempo

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Happy Lent,

We are drawing ever closer to a wondrous time of year. As the days grow longer and warmer and as the vegetation starts to bloom, it's as if the world around us starts to wake up from a long, cold slumber. In a few more weeks those things we have been longing for as of late will come to pass. The sun will stay out longer and will do a better job at warming the air; the trees will regain their foliage and the flowers will bloom again. Our world will seem awake.

Nature isn't the only thing that is about to wake up. We are now in the midst of a spiritual awakening. In our Christian year we have a season set aside that marks a spiritual restlessness. A time when the soul begins to wake up and realizes it needs to open its eyes to a whole new world. Lent is this time of tossing and turning.

Lent is both a reality and a symbol. It is a time when Christians struggle with the reality of sin in their lives, being reminded of the necessity of grace. Though this may sound fruitless, it always ends with hope attained, with grace gained through the resurrection of Jesus on Easter.

The symbolic nature of Lent is that it marks the season in a person's life when they wrestle with the knowledge that they need help, that they can't do life on their own, and that they are sleeping their life away and can't wake up. Our lives before Christ have been compared to a deadly slumber; that our soul lies sleeping, unaware of its life slowly fading away in sin. But then something nudges us and we rouse just enough to realize we are sleeping and desire to wake up, but can't open our eyes.

Then the light of Easter shines through our windows and the brilliance of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection wakes us fully from our sin. Now that we are awake in Christ we can live our lives as we were created to do, in the knowledge and presence of our Father.

PTL,

Pastor Justin Judy

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## We Pray for...

*(by Linda Yocum)*

The island nation of Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon) lies south of India in the Indian Ocean.

The majority of the population is descended from two groups of people (most likely from India): the Sinhalese who arrived in Sri Lanka in the late 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C., and the Tamil in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. The Portuguese and Dutch controlled the coastal areas of the island in the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries respectively. By 1815 the island was formally united under British rule. Ceylon gained its independence in 1948 and changed its name to Sri Lanka in 1972.

In 1983 tensions between the Sinhalese and a group of Tamil separatists (LTTE) erupted into war. Norway brokered a cease-fire agreement in February 2002; however, in 2006 violence intensified between the LTTE and government forces and fighting continued until May 2009 when the remnants of the LTTE were defeated.

As an island country, Sri Lanka is vulnerable to monsoons, cyclones, and tsunamis. In December 2004 the country was devastated by a tsunami and in May 2016 by Cyclone Roanu. UMCOR provided aid in the aftermath of both of these natural disasters.

Currently, Sri Lanka is suffering through its worst drought in more than forty years. In addition, the country is still recovering from the effects of war; tensions linger between the two groups. The United Nations has launched an investigation into possible war crimes allegedly committed by both sides of the conflict.

Sri Lanka also is a source for human forced labor and sex trafficking. Some adults who migrated to nearby countries to find work have



been subjected to forced labor or debt bondage. Some Sri Lankan women have been forced into prostitution. Within the country, women and children are subjected to sex trafficking.

Throughout March please pray for Sri Lanka: for peace, for an end to the drought and for an end to forced labor and sex trafficking.

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## Trustee News

*(by Kris Peters)*

The trustees have elected officers for 2017. Please keep these people in your prayers:

- Kris Peters, Chair
- Larry Mallik, Vice chair
- Roger VanRyn, Treasurer
- Bill Vowler, Secretary

We will hold several work parties before Easter.

- **New Senior Space**  
Cement work in the former pre-school room (off the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance) will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24 and—if necessary—on Friday, March 31. Remember to wear your grubby clothes!
- **Lights, Garden, Action**  
The first outdoor work party will take place Saturday, April 8 at 8 a.m. Come dressed for outdoor work. Everyone is welcome.

Our next trustee meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a trustee, please contact Kris Peters or Pastor Judy.

## Men's Woodworking Group

On Friday, March 10 the men's woodworking group will hold its first pew-repair meeting at 5 p.m. More information will follow.



## Helping Hands

*(by Thelma Johnson)*

Our meeting for February 14 was cancelled, not due to inclement weather, but because a few of our members were under the weather.

Our next meeting will be held March 14: board meeting at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at 12 p.m. Bring a sandwich, everyone; dessert will be provided.

Hostesses will be Jean Swick, Margie Little and Kay Meadowcroft. The program will be given by Evelyn Felmlee; a free-will offering will be collected. Everyone is welcome to join us.

## Thank You

Gary and I would like to thank you all for your cards, prayers, phone calls and visits these past few weeks. They have meant more than you can imagine. Special thanks to Beverly, Jane and Justin for being such great nurses!

—Kris and Gary Peters

## Looking Ahead

### **Easter Egg Hunt – April 15 at 10 a.m.**

Pastor Judy and Kris Peters are busy working on another spiritual, fun-filled event. Registration forms will be available online and at the information center later in March.

If you can help either with filling eggs, hiding eggs, helping with the service, donating bagged candy or financially supporting this project, please see Pastor Judy or Kris Peters.

### **Palm Sunday Party – April 9**

The Sunday School is hosting its annual party following the Sunday worship service on April 9. Everyone is welcome! Watch for details in the April newsletter and in the bulletin.

### **Summer Sermon Series**

Pastor Judy will be seeking ideas for sermon topics for this summer. The suggestion box will be in the vestibule in late March-early April.



# Joys and Concerns

Please keep Trinity family, friends and neighbors in your prayers.

## Pray for

Patty Aubele  
 Emma Chichilla  
 Beecher and Kay Dale  
 Beverly Frank (friend of Beverly Piper)  
 David and Carol Grubb  
 Joan Hartley  
 Jim Johnson  
 Lena Jones (Angela Knopf's grandmother)  
 Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper's brother)  
 Judy Mason  
 Family of Lloyd Myers  
 Kris and Gary Peters  
 Joyce Rogers and her sister Carol Jean  
 Blanch Seiple (Peggy Whitfield's aunt)  
 Matthew Tranter (friend of Cindy Graw)  
 Laurie Weisberg (friend of Shirley Fisher)  
 Peggy Whitfield

## Altar Flowers

Flowers are one way to honor or remember a loved one. Several dates remain open for 2017.

- March 5, 26
- April 2
- May 7
- June 18, 25
- July 2, 23
- September 3, 10
- November 12, 26
- December 10, 24, 31

## Easter Flowers

Trinity is accepting orders for Easter flowers to grace our sanctuary during the Easter Sunday worship service. Choose from tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and Easter lilies. The cost is \$11 per plant. Orders are due in the church office by Palm Sunday.

Also take a moment and give thanks for friends and family who celebrate birthdays this month.

## March Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Patty Aubele  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Puckey  
 4<sup>th</sup> Randy Kerrigan  
 5<sup>th</sup> Kristina Chichilla  
 7<sup>th</sup> Kay Meadowcroft  
 9<sup>th</sup> Robert Cush  
 12<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Judy  
 13<sup>th</sup> Ryan Kerrigan  
 16<sup>th</sup> Vicki Stokes, Blanche Yocum  
 17<sup>th</sup> Kay Yocum  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Matt Knopf, Mattie Fanty, Lia Nigro  
 25<sup>th</sup> John Ruccio  
 26<sup>th</sup> Zack Witmer  
 27<sup>th</sup> Gary Peters, Sarah Ebner Scott  
 29<sup>th</sup> Nicolyn Lonzo, Sarah Lloyd

### Easter Flower Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Plant	Qty		Total
Daffodil	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Easter lily	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Hyacinth	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Tulip	_____	x \$11 =	_____
Total			_____

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Anonymous



# Calendar and Schedules

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			<b>1</b> 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	<b>2</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>3</b> 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence) <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Communion 1 p.m. New Members Class <i>Volunteer in Missions Sunday</i> <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>6</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	<b>7</b> 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>8</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>10</b> 5 p.m. Men's Woodwork Group 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship/Healing Service 1 p.m. New Members Class <b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>Daylight saving time begins</i>	<b>13</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	<b>14</b> 11:30 a.m. Helping Hands Board/ 12 p.m. Lunch 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>15</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>16</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>17</b> 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence) <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <b>Tempo Deadline</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. New Members Class <b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>20</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:30 p.m. Ad-Council	<b>22</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>23</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>24</b> 4:30 p.m. Work Party 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 1 p.m. New Members Class <b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Scrip Order Day</b> <i>UMCOR Sunday</i>	<b>27</b> 6-7:30 p.m. Brownie Trp (Social Hall)	<b>28</b> 7:15 p.m. Immersion Bible Study	<b>29</b> 7:15 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>30</b> 7:15 p.m. Choir	<b>31</b> 4:30 p.m. Work Party 6 p.m. Craft Night (Judy residence)	

## Greeters

5<sup>th</sup> Roger and Marlene VanRyn  
 12<sup>th</sup> Joanne Ondulich  
 19<sup>th</sup> John and Jeanne Ruccio  
 26<sup>th</sup> Linda Yocum

## Liturgists

5<sup>th</sup> Sandy Chiappetta  
 12<sup>th</sup> Joanne Ondulich  
 19<sup>th</sup> Beverly Piper  
 26<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Judy

## Nursery

5<sup>th</sup> Lynn Antoon and Noell Stultz  
 12<sup>th</sup> Renee Kociela and Ashley Kitchen  
 19<sup>th</sup> Jane Pogue and Christie Armao  
 26<sup>th</sup> Eileen Bentley and Sandy Chiappetta

## Altar Flowers

5<sup>th</sup> open  
 12<sup>th</sup> Yocum Family  
 19<sup>th</sup> Mallik Family  
 26<sup>th</sup> open

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**Daylight Saving Time  
begins Sunday, March 12**

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Trinity United Methodist Church  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11 a.m.  
Healing Service: second Sunday of the  
month following the worship service

## Tempo Deadline

Articles for the  
April issue  
are due Friday,  
March 17, 2017.



## Pastor Justin Recommends

John Wesley didn't shy away from the topic of money in his ministry or sermons. The lesson he liked to share was "Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can."

On RightNowMedia.com, Randy Alcorn shares another thought about joyful giving to the Lord. In four, less than 20 minute sessions, he give us scripture that illustrates a life where gratitude, stewardship and generosity intersect. It is a challenging look at how we use our money.

If you would like to take part in RightNow Media, please contact Pastor Justin. May we continually trust in the Lord!

